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COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 13 September 2018 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Joanne Wild - In the Chair

Councillors Jason Atkin, Sue Bull, Martin Burfoot, Tom Donnelly, Ann Elliott, Richard FitzHerbert, Chris Furness, Susan Hobson, Jean Monks, Tony Morley, Dermot Murphy, Joyce Pawley, Mike Ratcliffe, Andrew Statham and Colin Swindell.

Paul Wilson (Chief Executive), Mike Hase (Policy Manager), Rob Cogings (Head of Housing), Keith Postlethwaite (Parks and Streetscene Manager) and Jackie Cullen (Committee Assistant).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Richard Bright, Albert Catt, Vicky Massey Bloodworth and Lewis Rose OBE. Councillors Tom Donnelly, Richard FitzHerbert and Jean Monks attended as Substitute Members.

131/18 – MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Jason Atkin, seconded by Councillor Mike Ratcliffe and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community & Environment Committee held on 12 July 2018 be approved as a correct record.

The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

132/18 – CAR PARK MANAGEMENT – REVIEW OF CHARGES

The Committee considered a report providing feedback on comments received in respect of a consultation on the proposed increase in the level of charges on the Council's pay and display car parks and that recommended the implementation of revised car parking charges with effect from 1st January 2019.

A report was presented to this Committee on 12th July 2018 which sought to review the level of charges on the Council’s pay and display car parks, and it was resolved that parking charges be revised to broadly reflect those previous increases in RPI, together with the forecast increase in RPI for 2019. Both the current and proposed pay and display parking charges were shown in Appendix 2 to the report.

The procedure for making a variation to the Schedule of Charges was outlined in the report, with a summary of how the Council had followed this procedure.

The Committee was informed that 5 responses had been received in respect of the published notice. The comments contained in those responses were detailed in Appendix 1 to the report and summarised in the body of the report alongside Officer responses.

In light of the considerations, it was suggested that the proposed level of parking charges, detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be made without further modification.

It was moved by Councillor Dermot Murphy, seconded by Councillor Chris Furness and

RESOLVED

1. That comments received in respect of the proposed levels of parking charges referred to in the body of the report and detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, are noted.
2. That having regard to the comments received the proposed level of parking charges detailed in Appendix 2 to the report be introduced with effect from 1st January 2019, and
3. That a final notice of intent to vary charges, in accordance with section 35C of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part V of The Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996, is published.

Voting:

For	11
Against	5
Abstentions	0

The Chairman declared the motion CARRIED.

133/18 – HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATION FOR AN AGEING POPULATION: A STRATEGY FOR DERBYSHIRE

The Committee considered a report on the main issues identified in Derbyshire County Council’s (DCC) draft strategy for consultation on a new housing and accommodation strategy for older people in Derbyshire, produced in partnership with the nine Derbyshire District and Borough Councils.

The strategy document outlined the strategic vision for a range of housing and accommodation choices and support to meet the requirements of an ageing population, as set out in the report, and had been developed in line with the voices and views of older people in Derbyshire, as well as national research. The strategy outlined a range of good practice examples and detailed the different types of housing that would help to address the needs of older people within Derbyshire.

The strategy also considered the range of integrated and co-ordinated support that needed to be available to older people to enable them to maintain health and improve wellbeing.

DCC were aiming to gain Cabinet approval for this high level strategy towards the end of the calendar year, leaving time for consultation on the strategy with key stakeholders and were also proposing to develop a technical annex which would provide a district-by-district analysis of future housing requirements; this was currently in development and would also be subject to further consultation.

It was moved by Councillor Mike Ratcliffe, seconded by Councillor Richard FitzHerbert and

RESOLVED That the draft strategy be endorsed.
(unanimously)

134/18 – DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT: CONVERSION OF FARM BUILDINGS DESIGN GUIDANCE

The Committee considered a report on a draft Conversion of Farm Buildings Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), being an updated version of the previously adopted SPD (2005). This was required in light of the Adoption of the Local Plan in December 2017 to ensure that the SPD could continue to be given statutory weight in the determination of planning applications. Approval was sought for a formal period of public consultation on the document prior to its formal adoption as a SPD.

In particular, the draft revised document reflected the changes in the permitted development regime since 2005 and now included a section on ‘Class Q’ which related to changes of agricultural buildings to residential development. The Draft Supplementary Planning Document recognised that farm buildings were a distinctive building type in the Derbyshire Dales and that there was pressure to convert them to alternative uses. The revised SPD therefore sought to complement the recently adopted Local Plan, as set out in the report.

Once adopted, the Supplementary Planning Document could be used in the determination of planning applications as a “material consideration”. However, a minimum period of 4 weeks’ public consultation was required, as outlined in the report, and it was therefore recommended that a six week period of public consultation be held from 14th September to 26th October 2018. Targeted contacts on the Local Plan consultation database would be informed by email and letter and comments would be invited via an online survey. It was proposed that delegated authority be given to the Head of Regeneration and Policy to adopt the SPD in the event that no substantive objections were received during the public consultation period.

A copy of the refreshed draft Conversion of Farm Buildings Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document was attached as Appendix 1 to the report, and a copy of the draft consultation statement was contained in Appendix 2 to the report.

It was moved by Councillor Mike Ratcliffe, seconded by Councillor Tom Donnelly and

RESOLVED 1. That the draft Conversion of Farm Buildings Design Guidance
(unanimously) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), attached in Appendix 1 to the report be approved and subject to a period of six weeks’ public consultation.

2. That in the event that the public consultation results in no objections to the draft Conversion of Farm Buildings Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document then delegated authority be given to the Head of Regeneration and Policy to take forward its formal adoption.
3. That in the event of any substantive representations being received during the public consultation on the draft Conversion of Farm Buildings Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document, then a further report be presented to this Committee for consideration of the representations received.

135/18 – DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT: LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND DESIGN

The Committee considered a report presenting the results of the public consultation on the draft Landscape Character and Design Supplementary Planning Document (SPD); recommending modifications to the contents of the SPD that were considered necessary to reflect changes to the Local Plan policies, legislation and the approach to biodiversity and landscape management; and seeking approval for its adoption.

Once adopted the SPD could be used in the determination of planning applications as a “material consideration” and as advice for the public from the point of adoption. However, there was period of three months where any person with sufficient interest in the decision to adopt may apply to the High Court for permission for a judicial review. The Adoption Statement was attached as Appendix 3 to the report.

The consultation ran from the 20th June to the 27th July 2018 and the main issues arising from this were summarised in the report and detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

It was moved by Councillor Chris Furness, seconded by Councillor Tom Donnelly and

RESOLVED

1. That the Landscape Character and Design Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), attached in Appendix 1 to the report be approved and formally adopted.
2. That the Consultation Statement attached in Appendix 2 to the report and Adoption Statement in Appendix 3 to the report be published in accordance with the statutory requirements.

Voting:

For	15
Against	0
Abstentions	1

The Chairman declared the motion CARRIED.

136/18 – DERBYSHIRE DALES LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2018-2021

The Committee considered a report that sought approval of a revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) to be published on the Council’s website.

Following changes in legislation there was no longer a requirement for local planning authorities to specify the timetables for producing various planning documents in the LDS. However, where

these were being prepared, details of these documents and their timetable for preparation should be set out on the Council's website.

The current Local Development Scheme was brought into effect in December 2016, during preparation of the now Adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan. Current legislation now required local planning authorities to review and assess whether local plans needed updating at least every five years and for local planning authorities to publish information at least once a year on the implementation of the Local Development Scheme and the extent to which policies set out in Local Development Plan Documents (Local Plan) were being achieved.

The Council's Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) would therefore be the main mechanism for assessing how effectively the Local Plan was being implemented. It was noted that whilst it was a statutory requirement that a review of the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan was completed by December 2022, there may be circumstances where it was necessary to complete a review earlier than that date, as set out in the report. However, given the Government's desire for transparency about local planning authorities' future intentions in respect of plan making it was considered appropriate to publish a revised LDS at this time. Thus, a revised Local Development Scheme had been prepared and was set out in Appendix 1 to the report, but this did not include any timetable for the review of the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan. In the event that a review of the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan was required during the period 2018-2021, the District Council would prepare a further revised LDS, setting out a formal timetable for undertaking such a review.

Members were therefore recommended to approve the Derbyshire Dales Local Development Scheme, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report and to publish it on the District Council's website as soon as practically possible.

It was moved by Councillor Chris Furness, seconded by Councillor Jason Atkin and

RESOLVED That the Derbyshire Dales Local Development Scheme 2018-2021 as
(unanimously) set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved and brought into immediate effect.

137/18 – DERBYSHIRE DALES STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT 2018

The Committee was asked to consider a report advising of the statutory requirement to prepare a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in accordance with Section 18 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Planning Act 2008, the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017). The report recommended that revisions to the Council's current Statement of Community Involvement be subject to a period of six weeks' public consultation.

The current Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) was brought into effect on 16th March 2016, during preparation of the now Adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan. Whilst elements of the existing SCI continued to remain up to date and did not require significant revision, a review of the document had been undertaken to ensure the District Council's practices in relation to community engagement on planning matters were articulated clearly and the contents of the SCI also reflected statutory requirements and best practice. A copy of the revised SCI was attached as Appendix 1 to the report, and its revisions summarised in the body of the report.

Although the SCI was not subject to any independent assessment it was considered best practice that it be subject to a period of public consultation prior to formal adoption. Throughout

the consultation period copies of the SCI would be made available for comment at the Council's offices, leisure centres and local libraries, and would also be published on the Council's website.

It was moved by Councillor Jason Atkin seconded by Councillor Tom Donnelly and

RESOLVED
(unanimously)

1. That the revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2018 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved for a period of six weeks' public consultation.
2. That in the event that the public consultation results in no objections to the revised SCI then delegated authority be given to the Head of Regeneration and Policy to take forward its formal adoption.
3. That in the event of any substantive representations being received during the public consultation on the revised SCI, then a further report be presented to this Committee for consideration of the representations received.

MEETING CLOSED 7.11PM

CHAIRMAN